

SUMMARY OF INTERVIEW

Attendees, Date and Type of Interview

The interview was conducted on 3 February 2010 and attended by Marcia Hoffman, David Isabella, Josué Villalta, and Alejandro Muñoz.

Exhibits and/or Demonstrations

N/A

Identification of Claims Discussed

Claim 5.

Identification of Prior Art Discussed

Serbousek (U.S. Pat. App. Pub. No. 2002/0068980) and Imhof (U.S. Pat. No. 4,894,064).

Proposed Amendments

The Applicant and the Examiner discussed various possible claim amendments that would likely overcome Serbousek.

Principal Arguments and Other Matters

Applicant argued that the prior art did not teach the surfaces of contact and radii of curvature in the claims.

Results of Interview

The Examiner agreed to withdraw the Double Patenting rejection based on Imhof. Despite a productive discussion of the claims and references, no final agreement on the rejections in view of Serbousek was reached. Applicant agreed to submit a response to the Office Action and the Examiner agreed to consider the response, though noted she might need to update the search.